

THE DEADEYE



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NEWS ON 96TH RELEASED

YANKS SET TO ENTER BERLIN!

Apr 14 (ANS)--Yanks of the United States Ninth Army swept across the Elbe River on a six mile front 45 miles from Berlin and awaited only orders from General Simpson to begin a dash on a wide open road that might put them by tomorrow in that capital of death and devastation. A report attributed to French sources said that Allied paratroops had been dropped at Brandenburg, barely more than twenty miles from Berlin. This was wholly without official confirmation.

Germany appeared in her final hour or organized resistance in the west. Even propagandist Goebbels declared solemnly in his weekly newspaper that "the war cannot last much longer in my opinion". Through the heart of the Reich there is no longer one strategic German front, but many isolated centers of resistance. Canadian troops have almost completely closed the trap on 200,000 Germans in Holland. Another pocket of 40,000 Germans is enclosed on three sides southwest of besieged Bremen. In the Ruhr, far behind the advanced American forces, an additional 60,000 Nazis face imminent capture. On April 11, the Americans took 40,000 prisoners there.

Yesterday Canadian troops crashed into the Dutch city of Arnhem, scene of tragedy last fall for the ill-fated British First Parachute Division. The

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NIMITZ SAYS 96TH ON OKINAWA

Apr 14 (ANS)--Lifting the 14-day news blackout on units of the XXIV Army Corps, Admiral Nimitz announced last night that the 96th Inf Division, 27th Division, and the 7th Division are fighting on Okinawa. This is the first official word that the Deadeye Division has left the Philippines to fight on Japanese home soil. Now that the Deadeyes have been identified, the large battery of civilian and army correspondents with the division will give it unprecedented publicity.

Nimitz announced that Japanese forces on southern Okinawa counterattacked in battalion strength Friday, but were thrown back by infantrymen of the U. S. XXIV Army Corps. There were no substantial changes in the lines on Okinawa. In the south, the enemy continued to resist attacks on the XXIV Corps with artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. To the north Marines of the Third Amphibious Corps met some organized resistance on Motobu Peninsula, but continued to advance northward on the Ishikawa Isthmus.

Army troops of the XXIV Corps reduced enemy strong points on Tsugen Island off the east coast of Okinawa. Direct support was provided by carrier aircraft, naval gunfire, and Marine and Army artillery.

At the end of April 10th, U. S. forces on Okinawa had lost 432 killed, 2,103 wounded, and 160 missing.

According to the Chief Base Censor, Deadeyes may now mention in their personal letters, they are on Okinawa in combat.

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MOVIE STAR WITH DEADEYES AT FRONT

William Lundigan, well known Hollywood motion picture actor, who after portraying the Marines on the screen, joined up as a Leatherneck, yesterday turned up at the 96th Division fighting front.

The screen star still works with a movie camera. However, he is now on the opposite end of the camera as a combat photographer with a Marine Division. He is currently taking motion pictures of the effects of Marine artillery on Jap positions.

After working for four months making "Salute the Marines" starring Wallace Beery, and in which he, himself, played a leading role, Lundigan was sworn in as a Marine in June, 1943. His first assignment after completing basic training was drill instructor at the San Diego boot camp. Later he attended the Marine Photographic School at Quantico, Va. and was assigned to the First Marine Division as a combat photographer. He saw action with this Division at Palolui. He holds the modest rating of corporal.

Currently under suspended contract to MGM, he has also made pictures at Universal and Warner Brothers Studios. One of his important roles was in the "Old Maid" with Bette Davis. He had the lead in "Apache Trail" playing opposite the beautiful Donna Reed. He also appeared in "Santa Fe Trail" starring Errol Flynn.

Accompanying him in his visit to the Deadeyes is T/Set Arnold M. Johnson, Van Nuys, Calif., also a Marine combat photographer. Set Johnson in civilian life was a Hollywood still photographer doing work for three movie magazines. He was inducted in October, 1942.

Also looking over the Deadeye battlefields was Staff Sergeant John Worth, Marine Corps correspondent who in civilian life pounded the typewriter as a reporter with the Washington Post.

First Jerk: What was the Age of Pericles?
Second Jerk: I'm not sure, but I reckon he was about forty.

WHAT THE CORRESPONDENTS WRITE ABOUT YANKS ON OKINAWA

Apr 12 (ANS)--Last night Radio San Francisco broadcast excerpts from reports reaching the States from the many correspondents now at the front in southern Okinawa.

New York Herald Tribune Homer Bigart said, "The campaign for southern Okinawa has settled down to a slow, slogging battle of attrition. Using massed artillery for the first time in Pacific warfare, the Japanese laid down a terrific barrage all along the front. Today they shelled the Division Command Post. Nearly 600 rounds of artillery and mortar fire, including dozens of earth-shaking rocket mortars, fell inside one battalion position. We are returning roughly ten shells for every one received." (Mr Bigart has been in the Deadeye CP every day, and goes up to the Deadeye front)

Correspondent Warren Moscow of the New York Times wrote his paper that XXIV Corps men, who were slowly punching the Japanese backwards, were halted time and again by the heaviest concentration of Japanese artillery fire encountered so far in the Pacific. He stated, "We drove the enemy off a ridge that is part of his main defense line, only to find it too hot to hold in the face of Japanese artillery fire. For a long time the Japanese centered on our guns while we centered on theirs. Now a straight artillery duel is in progress. In addition to determined artillery fire, the enemy is using heavy mortar projectiles weighing possibly 1,000 pounds."

P. I. LEPER COLONY FREED

Apr 12 (ANS)--The American steamroller campaign in the Philippines has engulfed the strategic Sulu archipelago, freeing the famous Culion leper colony. Located on Coron Bay in the west central Philippines, the lepers received their first medical

and food supplies in almost three years.

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TANKS SET: (Cont'd from Page One)

The First Polish Division advanced to within 16 miles of Eben and almost within sight of the North Sea.

Both the American First and Third Armies are closing rapidly on the big city of Leipzig. At last report their advance tank columns were 11 miles from the city. The First Army, which is linked with the Ninth and Third, is 140 due west of the Soviet lines on the Niesse River. The First Army spearhead is roughly 40 miles behind that of the Ninth.

NAZI TANKS CRUSHED NEAR VIENNA

Apr 14 (ANS)—Soviet Army men have won a big tank battle on the fields north of Vienna. By smashing the German armored forces there, they cut the Austrian capital's last lifelines to the north, leaving only a seven mile escape gap.

Red Army gunboats landed Soviet Marines in the rear of the German remnants holding out in the blazing city. Tommy runners fought from house to house in what was once the cultural capital of all Central Europe.

NEW LANDINGS IN PHILIPPINES!

Apr 14 (ANS)—Veterans of the American Division landed virtually unopposed Wednesday morning on Bohol Island in the Visayans. The landing was covered by units of the U. S. Navy and Army Air Forces bombers. Bohol is between southern Cebu and Leyte, directly north of Mindanao. Fighting continued bitter in northern Luzon, as Yank airmen kept up the air blockade of the China and Indo-China coasts.

THEY'RE ALL DOING IT NOW!

Apr 14 (ANS)—France missed the boat on Germany, but the Generalissimo jumped on the Allied bandwagon just in time to declare war on Japan.

WORLD COMMENTS ON ROOSEVELT'S DEATH

Apr 14 (ANS)—The news of the President's death was flashed around the world. It hit London shortly after midnight and Prime Minister Churchill learned the sad tidings just before he retired. Churchill is expected to express Great Britain's sympathy before Commons Friday. King George VI received the news with profound regret.

French General Charles DeGaulle, President of the Provisional government of France, sent a telegram expressing the sympathy of the French people. He called Mister Roosevelt "A symbolic champion of the cause of Liberty."

In Rome, Pope Pius XII immediately telegraphed condolences to the President's family and the United States Government. Italian Premier Bonomi expressed "profound sorrow" on behalf of the Italian people. He added that Italy considered President Roosevelt "a great liberator and one of her sincerest friends."

Premier Stalin in Moscow expressed sorrow and characterized Mister Roosevelt as a "great organizer of the struggles of the freedom-loving nations against the common enemy."

In Chungking China, an Aide said that Chiang Kai Shek was visibly stunned when informed of Mister Roosevelt's death. The Aide said Chiang left his food untested and relapsed into sorrowful meditation.

War Secretary Stimson issued this statement, "We have lost a great President and a great commander-in-chief. Throughout these years of crisis when the nation was plunged into war by powerful enemies, the faith and dauntless courage of Franklin Roosevelt have never faltered nor has the broad vision with which he supported his military commanders ever failed. He believed unswervingly that right and the strength of free nations would triumph over the evils of despotism. The American people have upheld his faith. The friendly warmth

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G. I. NEWS

(ANS)—Ah yes, there's good news today for KPs. From the U.S. Department of Agriculture comes the announcement of a revolutionary war machine that will make KPs from Iceland to Okinawa put down their paring knives, wipe the tears from their eyes, and give a couple of rousing cheers.

The invention — an automatic onion peeling machine.

To prevent the enemy from getting the low-down on this helpful implement officials describe it as a "simple machine" that peels onions with little difficulty. It is rumored that the machine uses jet steam to blast off the outer skin.

(ANS)—The establishment of veterans guidance centers in 50 colleges throughout the United States has just been announced by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, the administrator of veterans' affairs.

Additional centers to give advice to veterans on disabilities and vocational training are also being lined up at other institutions. The administrator reveals that eventually there will be several hundred centers set up for aiding the veterans.

(ANS)—GIs overseas are going to get more nutrition in their "C" and "10 in 1" combat rations.

The War Department reveals that the "10 in 1" ration now provides 4,150 calories per man per day as compared to a former 3,927 calories. The "C" ration has been boosted from 2,775 to 3,700 calories per day. In addition, these canned rations will soon include ham and sweet potatoes, hamburger patties, and other new items.

The "K" ration, issued for emergency use by troops, remains unchanged. New meat components have been added to the "K" rations however. They are solid pack-cooked chicken, fried ham, fried pork, pork and beef, and chop suey.

(ANS)—All men through 20 who are drafted during the next three months, with only a few exceptions, will be assigned to the Army as combat infantry replacements, a joint Army and Navy announcement has just been revealed.

During the next three-month period, the Navy's call upon Selective Service will be filled with men 21 to 38 years old. The only exceptions in the 18 to 20 age group will be inductees who qualify and are assigned to special Navy programs such as radio technicians and combat aircrewmen.

It is estimated unofficially that the new policy, which goes into effect at once, will bring approximately 65,000 to 75,000 men in the 18 to 20 age bracket into the Army within the next three months.

(ANS)—The flight deck of the newly-launched U.S.S. Midway — the heaviest, strongest, fastest aircraft carrier ever built — will be covered with a "1945 model aircraft" so new that it has not yet seen combat action.

Details of the new twin-engined plane have not yet been revealed, but the Midway's 1,000 foot flight deck can handle with ease two-engined bombers even bigger than the B-25 Mitchell mediums which soared from the carrier Hornet for the first air attack on Tokyo in April, 1942.

The 45,000 ton carrier — the world's largest warship — is armored like a battleship for protection against air or sea attack. She will carry more than 80 of the new planes.

The Midway's power plant — one of the most powerful ever installed in a ship — is comparable to the motors used in the Navy's new 45,000 ton battleships that develop 200,000 horse-power and have a rated speed of more than 30 knots. She contains enough steel to build 25,000 automobiles.

A sister ship of the new carrier, will be ready to take to the water around April 15.

CONNALLY CALLS FOR INDEPENDENT DELEGATE

Apr 13(ANS)--Senator Connally, Texas Democrat and delegate to the San Francisco World Security Conference, declared yesterday that this nation's representative on the proposed United Nations Council should have authority to vote without reference to Congress. It still remains for Congress to pass legislation enabling the American representative to cast his vote without Congressional approval on important issues. Avowed purpose of the independent vote is the achievement of international harmony at the cost of a certain amount of national sovereignty.

STILWELL ADMIRES THE INFANTRYMEN

Apr 13(ANS)--General Joseph W. Stilwell, Chief of the Army Ground Forces, doesn't wear his DSC, DSM, or any of his other decorations. But he says that if he could get the Combat Infantryman's Badge, "I'd wear it." Stilwell has plenty of "satisfactory performance in ground combat against the enemy," which is required for issuance of the badge, but he isn't eligible because he has too much rank. The badge is issued only to men assigned to infantry regiments, battalions, and units of such organizations.

TORNADO HITS OKLAHOMA

Apr 14(ANS)--A series of tornadoes struck Oklahoma communities Thursday, killing at least 59 persons and injuring hundreds more.

STATESIDE SPORTS

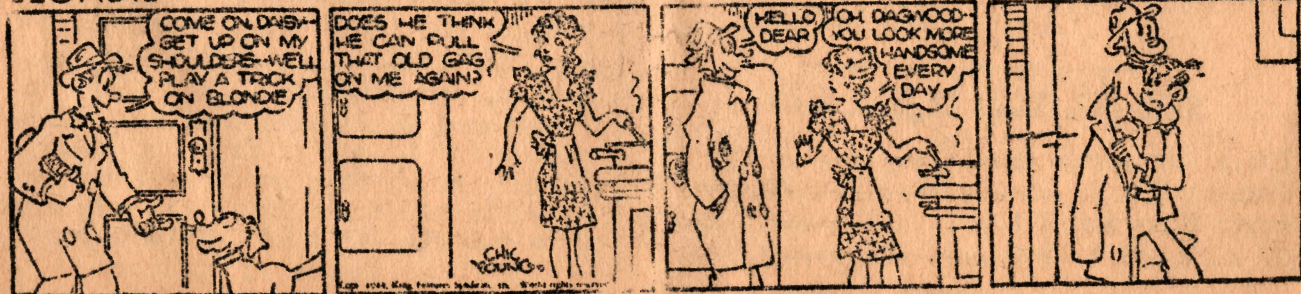
Baseball has lost its Number One fan. Sports people in general and baseball in particular, feel the tragic death of President Roosevelt robbed the athletic world of its best friend and warmest admirer. Clark Griffith, President of the Washington Senators and friend of the President, expressed the sentiment of the people in saying, "We have lost a warm personal friend and great champion of baseball." He spoke up for baseball when prospects appeared none too bright for the continuation of wartime baseball.

Van Lingle Mungo, a reformed and completely renovated citizen, is about to test his pitching arm against Big League hitting, and the New York Giants think he can succeed. Honorably discharged from the Army last November after nine months service, the 33 year old right-hander hopes to reward his boosters.

The Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football League merged with the Boston Yanks, Tuesday, with the combination losing its Brooklyn identity completely and playing all its home games except one in the Hub City. The one exception is the contest with the New York Giants which will be played in the New York Yankee stadium of which Captain Dan Topping is the owner. He also is the owner of the football Tigers.

Freddie Cochran has been offered \$50,000 to defend his welterweight title against Johnny Greco in an outdoor bout in Montreal in June.

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JAPAN TO MEET WORLD'S GREATEST FORCE SOON

Apr 14(ANS)--In Cleveland, a high War Production Board official told a press conference that the Allied victory in Europe will signal the opening of the greatest all out war in history against a single nation. He said that after VE DAY all undamaged equipment and able-bodied men in the European theater would be transferred to the Orient. This move is aimed at bringing the Japanese war to a victorious and speedy conclusion.

Meanwhile, a War Department spokesman revealed that the general movement of Army Air Forces from Europe to the Pacific will begin about thirty days after victory in Europe. Some critical units may be shifted even earlier. The spokesman declared that all the air strength that can be employed will be thrown against the Japanese.

TOKYO AGAIN BURNING AFTER B-29 RAID

Apr 13(ANS)--American Superforts based in the Marianas bombed Tokyo and Koriyama on Honshu Island Thursday with the support of the Seventh Air Forces. Ten enemy planes were shot down and four others probably destroyed. No Superforts were lost to enemy action. The aircraft plants in the Tokyo area were heavily bombed.

Koriyama, the other target is 110 miles north of Tokyo, it is an oval shaped city with an arsenal in the center. Here are manufactured chemical explosives. Because of the many little wooden homes surrounding the Koriyama arsenal, it is believed by military authorities that a bombing would result in uncontrollable fires. Tokyo reported that fires still raged in the capital several hours after the attack, and said civilian fire brigades were "fighting hard."

When you are thru reading the paper, pass it on to your buddies.

CHURCH SERVICES
Division CP

SUNDAY:
Catholic Mass..... 0900
Protestant Service..... 1000
Holy Communion..... 1100
Christian Science..... 1500
WEEKDAYS:
Daily Mass..... 1600
Discussion on Wednesdays..... 1730

Chapel located in rear of Hq Co Area

ROOSEVELT: (Cont'd from Page Two)

his spirit has been an inspiration to soldiers of all ranks in dark days. We can do him no greater honor now than to press on with every last resource of our strength to the day of final triumph."

Deadeye radio monitors reported that Tokyo Radio, strangely enough, told of the death of Roosevelt characterizing him as a great humanist and champion of the people. The only nation not heard from so far is Germany.

Death of President Roosevelt ends one of the most colorful political careers in all American history. He was elected to the nation's highest office in the midst of the nation's worst depression, and remained as chief executive through our most costly and farflung war, only to die on the eve of victory. His death came in the second month of his 13th year in office. President Roosevelt was 63 years old. His health has been a subject of speculation ever since his first term in 1932. But the nation became accustomed to his throw-off effects of illness and tackling his duties. Even his bitterest critics admired his ability to surmount infantile paralysis and resume his career.

WANTED BY DEADEYE DISPATCH

Jap leather dispatch case 10" x 14" or larger - our artist is badly in need of one to carry his sketching equipment. He offers a local sketch or a portrait of yourself for such an item.

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UNIT REPORTERS COLUMN

T/5 R. Drechsler; T/5 J. Gordon; T/5 J. Jurich; T/5 N. Hotten. (Unit Reporters)

CALLIHAN SAVED BY DIGGERS

There are a few members of the "Leaders" 1st Battalion that wish the Nips would build some of their caves just a little sturdier. They think the caves should be strong enough to withstand their own buzz-bombs, so that when the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Charles W. Johnson, moves his OP into the entrance to one, the members of the party will feel a little more secure.

After the battalion assault companies had battled their way through Kaniki, the Colonel's command group set up an OP in one of the many caves in that area. Everything was functioning as per usual with the Japs throwing everything at us including the kitchen sink. Then the "something new" was added -- the kitchen stove -- in the form of a huge mortar shell which was promptly dubbed "the flying boxcar." One round landed a little too close to the OP and after Mother Earth finished doing a St. Vitus dance and the mud and rocks quit falling, a quick count showed that one man, Pfc Harry L. Callihan, the Colonel's bodyguard, was missing. Luckily for Callihan, the Japs had conveniently left some shovels nearby and Lt. Col. Johnson and the four remaining members of the party, Capt Wm. F. MacDonald, the weapons company commander, Lt. Ray Wagner, the S-2 T/5 Cecil O'burn, and T/5 Glen Brown, grabbed some and dug feverishly and thus managed to extricate Callihan from what almost was his tomb. At present Callihan is nursing a few bruises and is concentrating on catching his breath.

T/5 Smith, Hq Co, 1st Bn
382nd Infantry

96TH BOX SCORE OF GOOD JAPS

Total for April 15.....	855
Okinawa Total.....	4,216
Loyte Campaign Total.....	7,311
Grand Total to Date.....	11,887

F CO, 382nd INFANTRY ASSAULTS RIDGE

One of the most interesting and coordinated actions of the entire Okinawa Campaign to date saw Lt. William Porter's F Co, of 2nd Bn, 382nd Inf perform like veterans in the assault and capture of "Catcomb Ridge". On 6 April, the 2d Bn jumped off in the attack and F Co was assigned the left zone of the Bn. As F Co moved forward they were pinned down by heavy automatic weapons coming from a prominent ridge which was obviously a Jap strongpoint. Sgt Arnold Gordon's 1st Platoon began the flanking movement on the left while Lt. Jess Johnson's 2d Platoon moved up the right flank of the ridge. Supported by the fire of the 3d Platoon, the weapons platoon, a platoon of tanks from Co A, 763rd Tank Bn, and making excellent use of cover and the little concealment the terrain offered, F Co inched its way forward. As the Company reached the ridge the assault platoons began the neutralization of the firing slits with rifle fire and grenades. The Company killed 29 Japs while gaining the ridge. Shortly after the ridge was taken, a staff officer commented that it looked like there were no more Japs around. Almost instantly 10 Japs ran out of the caves and attacked the Company with rifles and bayonets. The alert and accurate shooting of men like Pvt Ray and Pfc's Sandoval and Hall, soon despatched the suicidal Japs. Other men who did outstanding work in the day's action were Sgt Ramsey, S/Sgt Lucas, and Pfc's Composty, Rubinor, and Mitchell. That night an additional 24 Japs were killed while attempting to escape from the hill. During the night many explosions were heard inside the hill as the remaining Japs resorted to self destruction.

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MILITARY LEADERS GRIEVE LOSS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Leaders of America's armed forces throughout the world mourned the President's death yesterday and pledged themselves to carry on to complete victory. Extracts from their messages appear below:

GENERAL EISENHOWER, to Mrs. Roosevelt: "The death of our great commander-in-chief comes as a personal loss and grief to millions of American fighting men in this theater who join me in extending to you their heartfelt sympathy. We will continue and intensify our efforts in order to insure that the great task which he undertook is fulfilled in complete victory."

GENERAL MCCARTHER: "His premature death is a tragedy which affects all mankind. He was a great liberator both in thought and action."

GENERAL BUCKNER: "We deeply mourn the loss of our Commander-in-Chief who, like many soldiers, did his duty to the last and inspired us all to do ours. A nation at war must face many tragedies, but in our present grief let us renew our efforts to carry on toward the victory so brilliantly planned and gloriously instigated by our departed leader."

GENERAL HODGE OF XXIV ARMY CORPS: "The President has perfected a war program and it will be carried out by the Chief of Staff as he intended. That does not alter the fact that the United States has suffered a great national tragedy in the death of Mr. Roosevelt."

GENERAL WEDMAYER IN CHINA: "Our mighty chieftain has fallen in battle. Those of us upon whom he imposed the trust of military responsibilities will not fail him."

DEAD EYES STUDY

Japs or no Japs, campaigns or no campaigns, the Deadeyes of the 96th Infantry Division continue to show interest in preparing themselves for a better place in a peaceful world.

The Armed Forces Institute went aboard every ship of the large convoy which bore the 96th to Okinawa. To meet the increasing interest shown in "book learning" by the Deadeyes, I&E Officers placed Self-Teaching textbooks aboard all ships of the convoy. When announcements were made to the available textbooks, GI's flocked to the I&E Centers aboard ships. The hundreds of textbooks in Auto-Mechanics, Eng-

lish Grammar, Trigonometry, Algebra, and Accounting proved insufficient to meet the demands. On many of the ships organized classes in these subjects were conducted daily.

Prior to sailing from Loyte, 2,235 officers and enlisted men of the 96th had registered for USAFE correspondence and self-teaching courses. These courses were taken aboard ship by Deadeye "students", and many of them were completed during the voyage to Okinawa.

The making of good Japs appears to be widely separated from the study of English Grammar. Both, however, point to the same goal - a better peace in a better world.